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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE: DEMARCHE RESPONSE - STATEMENTS OF
CONDEMNATION OF THE AL-ASKARIYA SHRINE BOMBING

REF: STATE 28802

On February 23, poloff delivered reftel demarche to Faizal Cassam, Directorate for Africa and the Middle East, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He gave no substantive comment at the time; however, in a follow-up meeting with poloff on February 27, Cassam stated that although the Government of Mozambique condemned this and all acts of terrorism, the GRM had no plans to release a public statement denouncing the incident. Cassam explained that, since the GRM did not have an official government spokesperson, the GRM only rarely issued statements.

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